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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who chooses a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) rather than the incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) because the CLEC offers all the services I need, both telephone and internet, at a better price than the incumbent and with better service than the LEC.

I currently use the CLEC's DSL service and hope that when the LEC's fiber passes my house that the CLEC will be reselling that as well, at a competitive price.

I DO NOT support price hikes by the LECs that will increase the cost of telephone and internet service for the competitive carriers.

Broadband access is critical to my daily life -- I use it for Internet banking, e-mail, and many other web-based and Internet Protocol based services.

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